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SUBJ: WORLD CONFERENCE ON RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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1. I BRIEFED FONMIN DIRECTOR GENERAL EVRON EARLY ON
AUGUST 14 ON VIGOROUS ACTIONS USG HAS BEEN TAKING TO
COUNTER EFFORTS AT UPCOMING WORLD CONFERENCE TO RESTATE
EXPLICIT

LINKAGE WITH ZIONISM-RACISM UNGA RESOLUTION. WENT OVER
ACTIONS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL AND STRESSED THE ENERGETIC
EFFORTS WE WERE MAKING AT ALL POSSIBLE POINTS TO HEAD
OFF THIS RADICAL ARAB INITIATIVE.

2. EVRON EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR OUR EFFORTS,
SAID HE WOULD BRIEF DAYAN AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS, AND
ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFICULTY OF ACHIEVING SATISFACTORY
RESULTS DESPITE ALL OUR EFFORTS. HE SAID HE HOPED VERY
MUCH THEY WOULD HAVE DESIRED EFFECT.

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3. EVRON SAID THAT GOI HAS ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE,
ESPECIALLY AMONG MEMBERS OF EC NINE AND WITH OTHER
NATIONS FRIENDLY TO ISRAEL. ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN ASKING
THEIR FRIENDS TO SAY CLEARLY THAT THEY
WILL WALK OUT OF WORLD CONFERENCE IF OFFENSIVE RESOLU-
TION IS TABLED, NOT MERELY TO AWAIT ITS PASSAGE. THUS
FAR, HE SAID, GOI HAS RECEIVED A MIXED RESPONSE. SOME

GOVERNMENTS HAVE SAID THEY WILL LEAVE IF SUCH A RESOLUTION WERE PASSED, BUT NOT BEFORE. OTHERS HAVE BEEN "MORE UNDERSTANDING" OF ISRAELI REQUEST. EVRON MADE CLEAR THAT GOI IS PUSHING TO BLOCK EVEN INDIRECT LINKAGE BETWEEN THE Z/R RESOLUTION AND RESULTS AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE, AND HE HOPED WE WOULD DO THE SAME. I SAID THAT OF COURSE WE HAD DECIDED TO STAY AWAY FROM THE CONFERENCE AT CONSIDERABLE DIPLOMATIC COST BECAUSE THE EXISTING INDIRECT LINKAGE HAD NOT BEEN BROKEN. OUR PRESENT EFFORT IS FOCUSED ON TRYING TO BLOCK THE INITIATIVE TO RESTATE A MUCH MORE EXPLICIT EQUATION. FROM MY PERIOD OF SERVICE AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN IO, I WAS UNFORTUNATELY ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH THIS WHOLE PROBLEM. I SAID I COULD ASSURE EVRON THAT USG WAS TAKING AN EXTRAORDINARILY STRONG INTEREST IN MAKING VERY STIFF DEMARCHES ALL ACROSS THE BOARD, DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE SYMPATHIZED GREATLY WITH THE OVERALL AIMS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE AND WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENT. EVRON AGAIN EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR OUR EFFORTS AND HOPED THEY WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. LEWIS

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